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A4 --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

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A5 --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-5 remain pending herein.

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the specification has been updated to

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include subject headings and subheadings consistent with U.S. practice.

(2) Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tapp (U.S. 5,657,076) in view of Johnson (U.S. 6,175,373). It is respectfully submitted that this ground of rejection is traversed for the reasons indicated herein below.

Applicants respectfully submit that a proper *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) has not been set forth, as Johnson has an effective filing date of April 30, 1999, whereas, the present application has a priority filing date of May 8, 1998 from EPO application 98201510.9, a certified copy of which has been filed in the USPTO.

Thus, as a proper determination of obviousness includes a determination as to whether the claimed subject matter would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art "at the time of the invention", it is respectfully submitted that based on effective filing dates and priority, Johnson can not be used with Tapp in a combination rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 for the present claims.

Applicants at this time do not seek to make any comments with regard to Tapp other than to agree with the admission in the Office Action that Tapp at least Tapp fails to disclose the means for

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repeatedly displaying a sequence formed by the plurality of images in a PIP display.

As Johnson is not an effective reference against the present claims, it is respectfully submitted that Tapp alone fails to disclose or suggest the Applicants' claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection are respectfully requested.

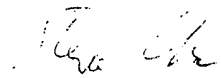
For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner deem that there are any issues which may be best resolved by telephone communication, he is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned Attorney at the number listed below.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2001, the Applicant hereby requests amendment of the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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